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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action of June 15, 2004 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, that is claims 1-22 directed to a method of operating sensor including heating, cooling, sampling and determining rate of moisture absorption. The election is made with traverse, however, since it is clear that the claims are best examinable together. Moreover, there appears to be little difference between heating the sensor (claim 1) to about 90°C. (claim 15), and drying the sensor (claim 23). Reconsideration of the requirement is therefore requested.

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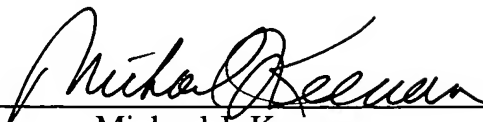
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An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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